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A TIMELY TOPIC.

The fruit-shipping season is now commencing, and the gardeners and packers in this State need to be stirred up a little, for their own interest and the public benefit. Utah peaches, pears, apples and other fruits are not excelled in quality by similar products from any other part of the country. Indeed, they have a flavor of their own and should command good prices in the markets at distant points. The ravages of fruit-destroying pests have injured them much, and our fruit exports will not be very great until the State is rid of them. General and united efforts for their extermination will have to be continued from year to year, persistently, or we shall be troubled for a long time with this hindrance to orcharding.

There is another obstacle in the way of our export trade which can be removed at once, and that is carelessness and dishonesty in packing. It is useless to ship fruit for the market in all kinds of sizes, qualities and conditions. It should be carefully selected and packed. We do not mean by this that poor qualities and sizes should be placed at the bottom of a box or basket and fine selections placed at the top. That is a trick easily discovered, and in the end it will be found very unprofitable. Honesty is the best policy in fruitpacking as in all other branches of business and general conduct. Those sections of the country which have gained an established reputation as fine fruit-producing regions, have acquired it through efficient picking and packing with a view to future business as well as present profit.

Attention has been called to this by a number of our business men, who have visited eastern markets and learned of the objections offered to many of the shipments from Utah, and it is noticeable, very often, in those that are received in this city from different points of the State. There is a feature of this subject which is very serious from a moral standpoint. The spirit that leads to the deception practiced, in placing poor articles of any kind at the bottom of a package and covering them with fine specimens at the top, is a species of deception and robbery that cannot be too strongly denounced.

It has its effect upon the rising generation. Children who see such examples are likely to grow up imbued with the spirit of cheating and deceit. It is practical lying, and is akin to stealing. The evil growing out of it is presented in the following paragraph, which we clip from the Inter-Mountain Farmer and Ranchman:

"At numerous stations along the railroads in Utah children sell fruit in berry boxes to the passengers. Almost without exception the fruit in the bottom of the box is green and insipid or overripe and partly decayed. This deception is practiced unblushingly by the children and the inference is that they are taught the trick at home. The habit of deception thus noted is carried through life and as a result the grown-up children in Utah put up the most unreliable pack of fruit that is found on the market. Can Utah people afford to continue this dishonesty in business?"

Is it possible that any of the "Mormon" people are guilty of this meanness and petty crime? If so, they deserve to be tried for their fellowship in the Church of which they are members. It is an offense against God and humanity. It is forbidden both in ancient and modern revelation and commandment. It is injurious to business as well as to human character. It is antagonistic to the spirit of the Gospel, and is a disgrace to those who practice it and a reproach upon the entire community.

In all fruit-growing districts of this State the local Church authorities should denounce this practice, and teach the culpable lessons of honor and integrity. The offenders should be traced out and labeled with individuality, until they see the wrong and repent of it and commit it no more. We ought to have the reputation everywhere of honesty, fair dealing, sincerity and general morality. To obtain and retain this, our actions must be such as will justify it before heaven and before the world.

This moral side of the question is essential to the maintenance of the business side, for Utah products will become a drug in the market, unless they are what they purport to be and are packed and shipped so as to command general satisfaction and commendation. We commend this subject to our leading men and women as one worthy of their attention and efforts for instruction and reform.

THE APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

The Public Alliance is an organization of merchants in the coal strike region. This organization has, from the beginning of the trouble, endeavored to bring about arbitration, but in vain. It was hoped that the return of Mr. J. P. Morgan would signalize the end of the strike, but this hope was not realized. As a final effort the association has appealed to President Roosevelt.

In the appeal it is set forth that the

members of the association, though neutrals, are suffering from the "harsh and senseless struggle." They refer to their disappointment in Mr. Morgan, and ask:

"Is J. P. Morgan greater than the people? Is he mightier than the government? Will he be permitted to remain this menacing power? It is time that the people should speak. It is time that their voice should be heard."

The appeal closes:
"Representing the interests and sentiment of nine-tenths of our people, we appeal to you to use your influence to stay the juggernaut which crushes us. Encouraged by your recent utterances, relying upon your judgment and patriotism, confident of your moral courage, we appeal from the king of the trusts to the President of the people."

This appeal is one of the pathetic incidents of the long struggle between capital and labor. It is easily seen that the class of people of which the Alliance is composed, is confronted with ruin as a consequence of the cessation of work, but we fear the President's power to bring relief is, in this instance, even more limited than that of Mr. Morgan. The President would, probably, gladly act as arbitrator, but he is in a position similar to that of The Hague tribunal, which can do nothing unless both the contending parties are willing to arbitrate and ask the services of the court. Under no other conditions can the President interfere, as long as there is no law making arbitration compulsory. That is the relief needed. And Congress might be appealed to for that.

The struggle is primarily made for better wages for the workmen, and this question is one which should be settled by peaceful means. It should not be possible in a civilized country, to cause an important industry to become paralyzed, and men be slain, as a consequence of difference of opinion as to just wages.

But the contention is not entirely one of hours and wages. It is believed that the labor leaders are fighting for the recognition of the organization they control, as authority on the rates of wages and other conditions of labor, and if this is true, a question is brought up which cannot be the subject of arbitration. To recognize such authority, would be the surrender of that individual liberty according to which each man has a right to sell his labor in the market for the best price he can obtain. That liberty, we fancy, the American workman will never surrender. Labor unions are all right, as far as they are formed for mutual protection and the furtherance of common interests, but if they undertake to prevent non-members from making an honest living, they go beyond their rights, and damage their own cause. Their leaders know this well. That is a question which even the President cannot arbitrate.

BROTHERS OF THE COAST.

A remarkable secret society is said to have been formed in France. It is known as "The Brothers of the Coast" and consists of school boys. It is controlled by three "chiefs" with headquarters in Paris. The head chief is practically a despot, it is said, and he has under him a million and a half subjects. The meetings are secret. Few members of the order know who the chief is. All they know is that he is a boy, like themselves, and that his turn expires when he leaves school. The annual fee is ten francs, so it will be seen the order has ample funds. If it is true that its membership amounts to 1,500,000.

The objects of the society are said to be two-fold. In the first place the boys are bound together to propagate atheism. No brother of the coast must genuflect before the altar; he must never confess unless practically dragged to the confessional, and even then he must treat the ceremony with ridicule; he must never communicate unless under parental compulsion; and he must not only not fast, but he must starve himself at the family dinner-table, only to stuff himself with forbidden meat at some convenient restaurant. He must do all in his power to dissociate himself from the church. And to prove how thoroughly the brethren of the coast fulfill their vows, it can be mentioned that at a recent examination in which one hundred of the brethren took part, they one and all, in reply to a question asking them to show the truth of Christ's miracles, answered that they were an invention, an absurd fairy tale!

Another object is mutual protection against the so-called tyranny of teachers, and others. The chief object, however, is the dissemination of infidel views. And that, we take it, is the effect of a great many secret societies, even if the object professedly is quite different. For when people get interested in the doing of societies, they are nearly always bound to become more or less neglectful of their church duties, and faith cannot live long, when the ground in which it should grow is neglected.

It is remarkable that such a society as the Brothers of the Coast should be established among boys, but the fact is one of the signs of the times, which can be studied with profit.

LANGUAGES BLENDING.

One evidence of the growing tendency towards the unification of the human race is the fact that the languages constantly borrow words from one another. Our own language has recently been enriched by several words from the Dutch of the Boers and the Spanish of the former Spanish possessions. We now talk of "kopjes" and "trekking," of "amigos" and "concentrados" and hardly remember the foreign origin.

In the German-English words are constantly creeping in, in spite of the anti-British sentiment and notwithstanding all efforts to keep the languages pure. An English paper, speaking on this subject and referring to an article in Die Nation, says:

"The English importations are of three classes. First there are the words that are both written and pronounced as in English, such as 'inter-view,' 'clow,' and 'bicycle'—though for the last the German often uses the equivalent 'Fahrrad.' Secondly there are the words that are written as in English but pronounced in German fashion, such as 'shawl,' 'tramway,' and 'beefsteak'—which latter becomes 'befestek.' With these the German 'Roaks' and 'ships,' which he explains to mean respectively the English 'cooks'—that is, cooks—and 'neckties.'"

though it is by no means easy to understand how Germans learnt from us to call a necktie a "shawl." Thirdly comes the loan-words that are written and pronounced in the German way—such as 'streich' or, in Austria, 'streich' for a strike, and 'fort' for lorry. Most of the words of the first class relate to sport and food. As the Nation remarks, English tends to become the international code of sports, as Italian is of music, and jockey, handiecap, match, goal, racket, and even ping-pong are terms as well known and commonly used in Germany as in England. The English names of dishes are used far less accurately."

GOOD FOR HOISE.

The Boise Capital of August 30th, is a midsummer edition of that interesting paper, and is a fine specimen of the printer's art as well as a valuable contribution to the newspaper literature of the State of Idaho. A supplement to this number is printed on fine paper, and contains numerous splendidly executed cuts of important points in Boise city and the country surrounding. Pictures are given of the principal residences and business houses in the city and of enchanting scenes at other points. The Capital News shows commendable enterprise in this edition to that live paper, published in the live capital of our neighboring State, and we congratulate its publishers and the people of Boise on this fine sample of advanced newspaper work.

The promised land—the Utah Indian reservation.

Is the war game worth the candle?

In mimic war the zone of hostilities is quite as invigorating as ozone.

Admiral Higginson has had a signal success in capturing signal stations.

General Miles in the Philippines does not necessarily mean General Miles in favor.

The hunt for the North pole continues. Why not put bloodhounds on its track?

The southern New England coast is having a boom just now—the boom of cannon.

It is quite proper to have an expert sent from Washington to inspect the bees in the Hive of Deseret.

Yesterday Labor was on parade except in the anthracite coal regions, where it was on strike.

It wouldn't be a bad thing for the country if a majority of the mining shares could be turned into plow-shares.

Mr. Schwab speaks French fluently, and Mr. Morgan is perfectly at home in German. But he talks Turkey when doing business.

President Roosevelt says that the Monroe doctrine is a doctrine of peace. Peace on the American continent, good will towards all nations.

When a burglar goes through a man's trouser pockets and secures money, it shows that the wife is neglecting to exercise her inalienable right of search.

The submarine and land lines of the world aggregate one million, one hundred and eighty thousand miles. Surely the telephone companies have been laying their wires, and with much success.

Historian Maclay probably will not be so fierce in his strictures on Admiral Higginson's tactical mistakes as he was upon Admiral Schley's. Nor will he, in all likelihood, call Higginson a "catfish."

It is said it will cost Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., well toward \$10,000 to import "The Wild Rose" from New York to her private theater at Newport for just one night. That is as expensive as wild oats.

Rev. Sam Small has been stumping Vermont in the interest of an anti-prohibition candidate. The gentleman's chief part has been that of the terrible example. Today will decide what influence it has had upon the voters of the Green Mountain State.

When Chief Justice Fuller ascended the bench of the Supreme Court he broke its traditions by wearing a mustache, thereby calling forth much comment and some criticism. Now Judge O. W. Holmes will follow Chief Justice Fuller's example, wear a mustache, and trample under foot the court's traditions. It is a good thing to observe traditions and it is a good thing to break them. Wisdom should govern in both cases.

IN THE STRIKE REGION.

New York World.

The coal trust has been forced by public opinion to make at least a show of activity. After sitting supinely idle for more than three months, refusing either to operate or to arbitrate, and changing the public two prices for its thrifflily stored supplies, the trust now promises to resume shipments to the public quantities. It even hints at a "reduction in prices" to \$1. What the public wants is coal, not excuses or promises. With the whole power of the State of Pennsylvania ready to support any actual attempt to operate the mines there is no excuse for not operating them.

Boston Transcript.

The welcome sound of coal-laden trains pounding the rail joints of the railways of the Keystone State is heard by more than three millions of people, producing twenty-five hundred tons daily and steadily increasing the output. Soon other mines will be opened, and though the supply may seem exasperatingly insufficient for a time, there is hope for at least a partial filling of our well-swept coal bins. The miners are relying upon the hope that the licensed miners will not return to work till ordered, but that some will do so is already evident, and the fact that coal is being mined may have a marked effect upon those who are still idle.

New York Evening Post.

At last the coal operators announce publicly that they are ready to begin in earnest the work they ought to have done long ago—indeed, it is now claimed that they have been doing it secretly for some time. All of the dispatches represent that preparations have been openly made at a number of points to employ all of the miners who can be obtained, depending upon the public authorities to protect the men from harm. It is generally expected that a good many will at once embrace the opportunity now offered, and that steady progress will be made toward securing a full force in the early future. In taking this action the operators show at least some sense of their obligation to the public.

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